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## **Conservation Commission Minutes 02/26/2009**

ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 26, 2009

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Charles Tirone, and Ezra Benjamin of the Commission. Members Ellen Reed, Catherine Garnett, and William O'Rourke were not in attendance. Brian Thomas, applying for Associate membership, was not in attendance. Paolo Marinelli was also in attendance.

7:45 p.m. - COMMISSION BUSINESS

Benjamin/Tirone motioned to approve the 2/5/09 minutes with edits; motion passed unanimously.

White/Benjamin motioned to approve co-signing with the Open Space Committee and ABAC a letter to abutters of the bikepath to respect public lands; motion passed unanimously.

Tirone/Benjamin motioned to have a booth at the 3/28 EcoFest event, \$100 event fee paid from the Arlington Land Steward Fund; motion passed unanimously.

8pm – WORKING SESSION – Bikepath ice control methods

Mr. Marinelli asked the Commission for explanation and clarification of the recommendations made to the DPW regarding the deicing operations on the bikepath in the vicinity of the wetland next to Rt. 2. Mr. Marinelli is working on accessibility issues regarding the path. He has witnessed many pedestrians slipping and falling on the ice.

The Commission agreed to allow the DPW to resume these practices, for public safety reasons, but in a more judicious manner in order to prevent pollution from entering the adjacent wetland.

### COMMISSION BUSINESS (cont.)

Mr. White reported on the progress of the Cookes Hollow project. There were questions on the Request for Proposals document.

Tirone/Benjamin motioned to approve David White as the Conservation Commission representative to the evaluation team; motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Corinna Beckwith  
Administrator